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National Literacy Mission
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the number of children who are deprived of education in the country through any Governmental/ Non- Governmental Agency and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has granted any financial assistance to any organisation for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof State/ UT-wise; and

(c) the details of literacy programmes being run by the Governmental/Non- Governmental Organisations under the National Literacy Mission in all the States including Bihar, particularly in the tribal areas along with the amount of funds allocated/released by the Government to the various State Governments/UTs including Bihar under the National Literacy Mission during the last three years, year-wise;

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): A study was commissioned by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB) in 2014 at a cost of ? 1,47,57,420/- plus taxes to assess the number of 'out of school' children in all States and Union Territories covering rural and urban areas of all districts in the country. As per the said study, 60.64 lakh children were estimated to be out of school in the age group of 6 to 13. State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(c): In order to improve the literacy rate in the country, Government is implementing Saakshar Bharat Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for adults since October, 2009. The scheme is being implemented in rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT that had Adult Female Literacy rate of 50% or below as per census 2001 including all left wing extremism affected districts with special focus on women, Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other disadvantaged groups. The objective of the programme is to raise the literacy level of the country to 80 percent and reduce the gender gap to 10 percentage points, besides bridging regional disparities, by the end of 12th Five Year Plan. The principal target of the programme is to impart functional literacy to 70 million adults including 60 million Women (SCs- 10 million, STs- 6 million, Muslims- 10 million, others- 34 million). In Bihar, 38 districts are covered under Saakshar Bharat Programme. A statement indicating State/UT-wise grants approved and Central share released under Saakshar Bharat during the last three years is at Annexure-II.

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